



West Nile Virus Bird Submission Guidelines

- 1) Is the carcass intact and fresh – dead less than 24 hours?
* Exceptions are ravens, crows, grackles, sparrows, finches and raptors may be submitted for testing even if they are approximately 1-3 days past mortem.
- 2) Preference for corvids (crows, ravens, jays), raptors, exotic species, grackles, sparrows and finches. Baby birds, pigeons and indoor pet birds will not be accepted for WNV testing.
- 3) Wear protective gloves, or if not available, use an inverted plastic bag to pickup dead birds and double bag, place in a cool place or ice chest. Do Not Freeze.
- 4) Contact Coconino County Environmental Health at (928) 226-2741.

Bird Death Questionnaire Form

Dead Birds Found By: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

1. What type of bird? (species if possible)

2. How many birds (and of each species)?

3. Where were the birds found?

5. Do they have signs of traumatic injury?

(large wounds or cuts, broken limb or wing, feathers or fur spread on the ground)

6.a) Do the birds appear normal other than being found dead?

(are they skinny or does it look like there were eating well)

7.b) Were the birds seen before death; how were they acting?

8. Is there a suspicion of poisoning or pesticides been sprayed in the area recently ?

Comments: